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November 5, 2009

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20 N. Wacker Drive
Suite 3330
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: FOIA Request Number 10-006

Dear [REDACTED]


The District has received your request for the following information under the State Freedom of Information Act and Brandywine School District Board of Education Policy 02.09:

- Contracts between the school system and all lobbyists, lobbying organizations, and lobbying firms; additionally any documentation of relationships with individuals or groups that advocate on behalf of or representing the school district or school board;
- Disclosure of membership to any lobbying organization (for ex.: Delaware School Boards Association)
- Check register data for all payouts, checks, or other disbursements to those lobbyist(s)
- All email and/or other written correspondence between the school system and the lobbyist(s), and between the members of the school board and those lobbyist(s); and
- Copies of invitations to any and all legislative reception receptions that have been sponsored, funded or otherwise underwritten in whole or in part by the school system, along with a breakdown of costs incurred for those receptions.

Your request has been given the number 10-006 for tracking purposes.

First, the Board of Education of the Brandywine School District (hereinafter "the Board") does not have any contracts with any lobbyists, lobbying organizations, and lobbying firms under the conditions requested, and therefore will not be providing you access to such. Second, please clarify the terms "...any documentation of relationships with individuals or groups that advocate on behalf of or representing the school district or school board...". Please be advised that the Board will not provide you access to documents that are confidential or privileged. Third, the State of Delaware is the keeper of check register records. Recently the State has allowed school districts to set up a link to check register information for FY09 and FY10 on the District's Web. A link to the check register information can be found on the District Website at www.brandywineschools.org under the Financial Services section of the Administration Channel. Finally, the Board will not send documents to you, nor will it create documents in editable form for you. Pursuant to the Delaware Freedom of Information Act and Board Policy 02.9, you must review the records requested at District Offices, located at 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue, Claymont, DE 19703 during regular business hours (8:00 am until 4:00 pm).

The Brandywine School District is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate or deny services on the basis of race, national origin, sex, disability, and/or age.


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For all other requests, existing documents/records that are responsive and under the custody and control of the District are being collected and will be available after November 19, 2009 for review and designation for copies at Brandywine School District Offices. Pursuant to Policy 02.09, you will be charged \$0.50 for each page copied. This fee will be collected prior to you receiving the copies requested.

Please contact me either by telephone at (302) 793-5003 or in writing at 1000 Pennsylvania Avenue to set up a time convenient for you or your representative to review and receive the information requested above.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ellen Marie Cooper, Director of Legal Affairs at (302) 793-5068.

Sincerely,



Dinah R. Brown
Secretary to Ellen Marie Cooper
Director of Legal Affairs

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